

Upcoming AGM May 2025 – Member Information



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Forster Tuncurry Golf Club we would like to take this opportunity to let our Club Members know that at the next AGM the Board will be proposing a Special Resolution. We will be asking the Members to vote on changing the Constitution to introduce the Triennial Rule as the method for electing our Board of Directors.

We would like our members to take time to consider this prior to the AGM, allowing ample time for questions.

What is the Triennial Rule?

The Triennial Rule provides for three (3) year terms of office for directors, with one third of the Board to be elected each year.

For this purpose, the directors are divided into three (3) groups. Each group has to be as nearly as practicable equal in number. As the Board consists of eight (8) directors when the triennial rule is adopted, there will be two (2) groups of three (3) directors and one (1) group of two (2) directors.

In each year, a different group retires. Group 1 retires in the first year, Group 2 retires in the second year, Group 3 retires in the third year, and Group 1 retires in the fourth year, Group 2 in the fifth year and so on.

In the first year of the triennial rule's operation, lots are drawn to determine which group a director falls into. Those directors allotted to Group 1 will only hold office for one year. Directors allotted to Group 2 will only hold office for two years. Directors allotted to Group 3 will be the only directors who, in the first year, are elected to office for three years.

Members will continue to elect persons to the positions of President, Vice President, Captain and Treasurer and ordinary director but instead of electing them for a period of 1 year they will be electing them for a term of 3 years.

Why would it be better for our club?

- It improves Board stability.
- It reduces funds spend on director training and improves understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- It encourages a long-term approach to planning for the Clubs future.
- It balances experience, continuity, and stability with the regular opportunity to add valuable, fresh perspectives.
- Allows a new Director to become fully conversant in the complexities of the Clubs workings and finances.

Improved long term view and accountability:

- Having some longevity and stability on a board allows the board to take a longer-term view of what's best for the club not just what's best for the next twelve months.
- Boards don't act as individuals. No one outside the board room is aware of the individual contribution of any one director in the board room – they only see the impact of a total board. Frequent elections (annual) lead to a lack of cohesion and direction for the board and thus the club. Board members must take time to get to know each other and learn ways of working with each other. With rolling 3-year terms, when the new third of board members joins, the rest of the board will have been there for at least a year. Resident board members can help others learn the ropes.

Can directors still resign during their term?

Yes, directors can still resign during their term – whatever the length of the term.

If a Director Resigns during their term:

The board can fill a casual vacancy as it can now, but that position will come up for election at the next AGM. The term of the position will be the rest of the term left from the initial election date so it will match up again with the group of directors it started with in either group 1, 2 or 3.

Re-election:

Directors whose term of office has come to an end are, subject to the Constitution, eligible for re-election for a further three-year term.

If the Special Resolution is passed, how will it be implemented?

The first year after implementation nothing changes as it has been newly voted on and the people who stand and are elected are not affected. The new board is divided into the “3rds” or 3 groups (we only have 8 not 9 members). It is likely that named positions will be spread one in each group and then the rest draw straws. They will then be assigned to group 1, 2 or 3. The next election people standing will be standing for either 1, 2 or 3 years according to the group they are placed in.

The process of implementing it takes 4 years. If the Special Resolution is passed, the Triennial Rule will take effect from the Annual General Meeting in 2026 and the directors elected to office at the Annual General Meeting in 2026 will be the first directors elected under the Triennial Rule.

If the Special Resolution is not passed, the Board will continue to be elected annually and the current one (1) year term for directors will continue to apply.

Where can I give feedback or ask questions?

You can email feedback or questions to admin@ftgc.com.au

You can also speak to any Board Member after a game of golf or in the Clubhouse!